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LCO No. 4200



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR CENTERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) There is established a task
- 2 force to study best practices concerning the role of senior centers,
- 3 municipal agents, appointed pursuant to section 7-127b of the general
- 4 statutes, and other municipal stakeholders in the delivery of health
- 5 and human services and related information to persons age sixty and
- 6 older. The task force shall examine (1) resources and training needed
- 7 by senior center personnel, municipal agents and other municipal
- 8 stakeholders to allow them to facilitate delivery of health and human
- 9 services and related information, (2) the most effective means to
- 10 provide such resources and training, (3) current information delivery
- 11 practices, (4) best practices in this state and others for the delivery of
- 12 such services and information, (5) barriers to access to information,
- 13 and (6) data on the cost of resources and staff provided by emergency
- 14 medical services, municipal police departments and other entities to
- 15 provide such health and human services and information in the
- 16 calendar year 2014.

17 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

18 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
19 one of whom shall be a municipal agent;

20 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
21 of whom shall be a senior center director;

22 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
23 Representatives, who shall be a director of an area agency on aging;

24 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
25 a member of a senior center;

26 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
27 Representatives;

28 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

29 (7) The Commissioner on Aging, or the commissioner's designee;

30 (8) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
31 designee;

32 (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
33 designee;

34 (10) The executive director of the Commission on Aging, or the  
35 executive director's designee; and

36 (11) A chairperson or vice-chairperson of the joint standing  
37 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
38 relating to Aging, or such chairperson's or vice-chairperson's designee.

39 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
40 (2), (5), (6) or (11) of this section may be a member of the General  
41 Assembly.

42 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
43 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
44 filled by the appointing authority.

45 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
46 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
47 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
48 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
49 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

50 (f) The staff of the Commission on Aging shall serve as  
51 administrative staff of the task force.

52 (g) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a  
53 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
54 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
55 relating to Aging, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of  
56 the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
57 submits such report or January 1, 2016, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To study best practices concerning the role of senior centers, municipal agents and other municipal stakeholders in providing senior citizens with access to health care, services and related information.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*